

Journal of the Senate

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Senate Rules, in the absence of the President and the President *pro tempore*, the time for convening of the Senate having been set at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning, the Senate was called to order by John H. Bloomer, Jr., Secretary of the Senate.

Message from the House No. 61

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Rebecca Silbernagel, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

- S. 105.** An act relating to consumer justice enforcement.
- S. 150.** An act relating to automated license plate recognition systems.
- S. 179.** An act relating to community justice centers.
- S. 180.** An act relating to the Vermont Fair Repair Act.
- S. 222.** An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures.
- S. 262.** An act relating to miscellaneous changes to the Medicaid program and the Department of Vermont Health Access.
- S. 273.** An act relating to miscellaneous law enforcement amendments.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Pursuant to the request of the Senate for a Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill of the following title:

- S. 269.** An act relating to blockchain, cryptocurrency, and financial technology.

The Speaker has appointed as members of such committee on the part of the House:

Rep. O'Sullivan of Burlington
Rep. McCoy of Poultney
Rep. Young of Glover.

The House has considered Senate proposals of amendment to House bill of the following title:

H. 910. An act relating to the Open Meeting Law and the Public Records Act.

And has refused to concur therein and asks for a Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses;

And the Speaker appointed as members of such Committee on the part of the House:

Rep. Harrison of Chittenden
Rep. Gannon of Wilmington
Rep. Weed of Enosburgh.

The House has considered Senate proposal of amendment to House proposal of amendment to Senate bill of the following title:

S. 203. An act relating to systemic improvements of the mental health system.

And has concurred therein with further proposal of amendment.

The House has considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill of the following title:

H. 908. An act relating to the Administrative Procedure Act.

And has severally concurred therein with a further proposal of amendment thereto, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The House has considered Senate proposals of amendment to the following House bills:

H. 859. An act relating to requiring municipal corporations to affirmatively vote to retain ownership of lease lands.

H. 895. An act relating to legislative review of certain report requirements.
And has severally concurred therein.

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

H.C.R. 361. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV girls' championship softball team.

H.C.R. 362. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Migrant Justice organization on the progress achieved with its Milk with Dignity Program.

H.C.R. 363. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont high school students who have achieved fluency in world languages other than English, and welcoming the establishment of a Vermont Seal of Biliteracy.

H.C.R. 364. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Clemmons family of Charlotte and it's A Sense of Place project on winning a National Creative Placemaking Fund grant.

H.C.R. 365. House concurrent resolution congratulating Cadence Wheeler of Springfield on his jumping achievements at State and New England indoor track and field championship meets.

H.C.R. 366. House concurrent resolution honoring former South Burlington Fire Captain Gary Rounds for his exemplary municipal public service.

H.C.R. 367. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Castleton Colonial Day Historic House Tour.

H.C.R. 368. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Essex High School Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl championship team.

H.C.R. 369. House concurrent resolution congratulating Carl Fung on winning the 2017 national LEGO REBRICK SuperBots contest.

H.C.R. 370. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex Junction all-stars Little League Baseball team on winning the 2017 Vermont State championship.

H.C.R. 371. House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, June 27, 2018 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day.

H.C.R. 372. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Vermont History Day winners.

H.C.R. 373. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont on its 50th anniversary.

H.C.R. 374. House concurrent resolution congratulating Tessa Napolitano of Burlington on winning the 2018 Elks New England Regional Hoop Shoot for her age group.

H.C.R. 375. House concurrent resolution congratulating Ellie Whalen of Rutland Town on winning the 2018 Elks New England Regional Hoop Shoot for her age group.

H.C.R. 376. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Oxbow Union High School Olympians Division III championship girls' softball team and honoring Coach Robin Wozny on the completion of her outstanding high school coaching career.

H.C.R. 377. House concurrent resolution congratulating Alice Bennett of Bennington on her 100th birthday.

H.C.R. 378. House concurrent resolution congratulating Honorary Shaftsbury Fire Chief Charles O. Becker on 70 years of exemplary service.

H.C.R. 379. House concurrent resolution congratulating William Collins on 40 years of outstanding service as a Bennington Rescue Squad Emergency Medical Technician.

H.C.R. 380. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Georgia Justice of the Peace Charles Aubrey Thweatt.

H.C.R. 381. House concurrent resolution designating the week of May 7, 2018 as Women's Lung Health Week.

H.C.R. 382. House concurrent resolution recognizing the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen Jenna Lawrence's work on behalf of Alzheimer's public awareness and eradication.

H.C.R. 383. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Hinesburg Fire Department on its 75th anniversary.

H.C.R. 384. House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of forests and forestry-related industries in Vermont in commemoration of Arbor Day.

H.C.R. 385. House concurrent resolution in memory of Bellows Falls educator and civic leader Francis X. Coyne.

H.C.R. 386. House concurrent resolution congratulating Wilson House in East Dorset on its 30th anniversary.

H.C.R. 387. House concurrent resolution congratulating Miss Vermont 2017 Erin Connor of Bridport.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The House has considered concurrent resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

S.C.R. 23. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Gertrude Martha Hodge of Topsham.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The Governor has informed the House that on May 3, 2018, he approved and signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 690. An act relating to explanation of advance directives and treating clinicians who may sign a DNR/COLST.

Bill Referred to Committee on Finance**H. 576.**

House bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to stormwater management.

Bills Referred to Committee on Appropriations

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule were severally referred to the Committee Appropriations:

H. 559. An act relating to miscellaneous environmental subjects.

H. 739. An act relating to energy productivity investments under the self-managed energy efficiency program.

Senate Concurrent Resolution

The following joint concurrent resolution, having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, was adopted on the part of the Senate:

By Senators Kitchel, Benning, Cummings and MacDonald,

S.C.R. 23.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Gertrude Martha Hodge of Topsham.

House Concurrent Resolutions

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were severally adopted in concurrence:

By Reps. Potter and Burditt,

By Senators Collamore, Flory and Soucy,

H.C.R. 361.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV girls' championship softball team.

By Reps. Morris and others,

H.C.R. 362.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Migrant Justice organization on the progress achieved with its Milk with Dignity Program.

By Reps. Kimbell and others,

By Senators Baruth, Clarkson and Kitchel,

H.C.R. 363.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont high school students who have achieved fluency in world languages other than English, and welcoming the establishment of a Vermont Seal of Biliteracy.

By Reps. Morris and Yantachka,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the Clemmons family of Charlotte and it's A Sense of Place project on winning a National Creative Placemaking Fund grant.

By Reps. Forguites and others,

By Senators Clarkson, McCormack and Nitka,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating Cadence Wheeler of Springfield on his jumping achievements at State and New England indoor track and field championship meets.

By Reps. Head and others,

H.C.R. 366.

House concurrent resolution honoring former South Burlington Fire Captain Gary Rounds for his exemplary municipal public service.

By Reps. Helm and Canfield,

H.C.R. 367.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Castleton Colonial Day Historic House Tour.

By Reps. Myers and others,

H.C.R. 368.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Essex High School Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl championship team.

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House concurrent resolution congratulating Carl Fung on winning the 2017 national LEGO REBRICK SuperBots contest.

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex Junction all-stars Little League Baseball team on winning the 2017 Vermont State championship.

By Reps. Copeland-Hanzas and others,

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House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, June 27, 2018 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day.

By Reps. Lippert and Ancel,

By Senator Champion,

H.C.R. 372.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Vermont History Day winners.

By Reps. Stuart and others,

H.C.R. 373.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont on its 50th anniversary.

By Reps. Brennan and others,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating Tessa Napolitano of Burlington on winning the 2018 Elks New England Regional Hoop Shoot for her age group.

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House concurrent resolution congratulating Ellie Whalen of Rutland Town on winning the 2018 Elks New England Regional Hoop Shoot for her age group.

By Reps. Copeland-Hanzas and Conquest,

By Senators Benning and Kitchel,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Oxbow Union High School Olympians Division III championship girls' softball team and honoring Coach Robin Wozny on the completion of her outstanding high school coaching career.

By Reps. Morrissey and others,

By Senators Campion and Sears,

H.C.R. 377.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alice Bennett of Bennington on her 100th birthday.

By Reps. Morrissey and others,

By Senators Campion and Sears,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating Honorary Shaftsbury Fire Chief Charles O. Becker on 70 years of exemplary service.

By Reps. Morrissey and others,

By Senators Campion and Sears,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating William Collins on 40 years of outstanding service as a Bennington Rescue Squad Emergency Medical Technician.

By Rep. Rosenquist,

By Senator Branagan,

H.C.R. 380.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Georgia Justice of the Peace Charles Aubrey Thweatt.

By Reps. Burke and others,

By Senators Balint, Branagan, Bray, Brock, Clarkson, McCormack, Nitka and White,

H.C.R. 381.

House concurrent resolution designating the week of May 7, 2018 as Women's Lung Health Week.

By Reps. Dickinson and others,

By Senators Ashe, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brock, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Flory, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Soucy, Starr and White,

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House concurrent resolution recognizing the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen Jenna Lawrence's work on behalf of Alzheimer's public awareness and eradication.

By Rep. Lippert,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the Hinesburg Fire Department on its 75th anniversary.

By the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,

H.C.R. 384.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of forests and forestry-related industries in Vermont in commemoration of Arbor Day.

By Reps. Partridge and Trieber,

By Senators Balint and White,

H.C.R. 385.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Bellows Falls educator and civic leader Francis X. Coyne.

By Rep. Sullivan,

By Senators Campion and Sears,

H.C.R. 386.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Wilson House in East Dorset on its 30th anniversary.

By Reps. Smith and others,

By Senators Ayer and Bray,

H.C.R. 387.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Miss Vermont 2017 Erin Connor of Bridport.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and forty-five minutes in the morning and no quorum of the Senate having assembled, pursuant to Rule 9 of the Senate Rules, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, May 7, 2018 pursuant to J.R.S. 58.